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OF THE
PRINCIPLE and EFFECTS
OF THE
PENSILVANIAN STOVE-GRATES,

(Which warm Rooms, &c. by a continual Introduction and Exchange of dry fresh Air)

Commonly known by the Name of AMERICAN STOVES;

TOGETHER WITH A

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OF THE LATE
ADDITIONS and IMPROVEMENTS

MADE TO THEM,

By JAMES SHARP,

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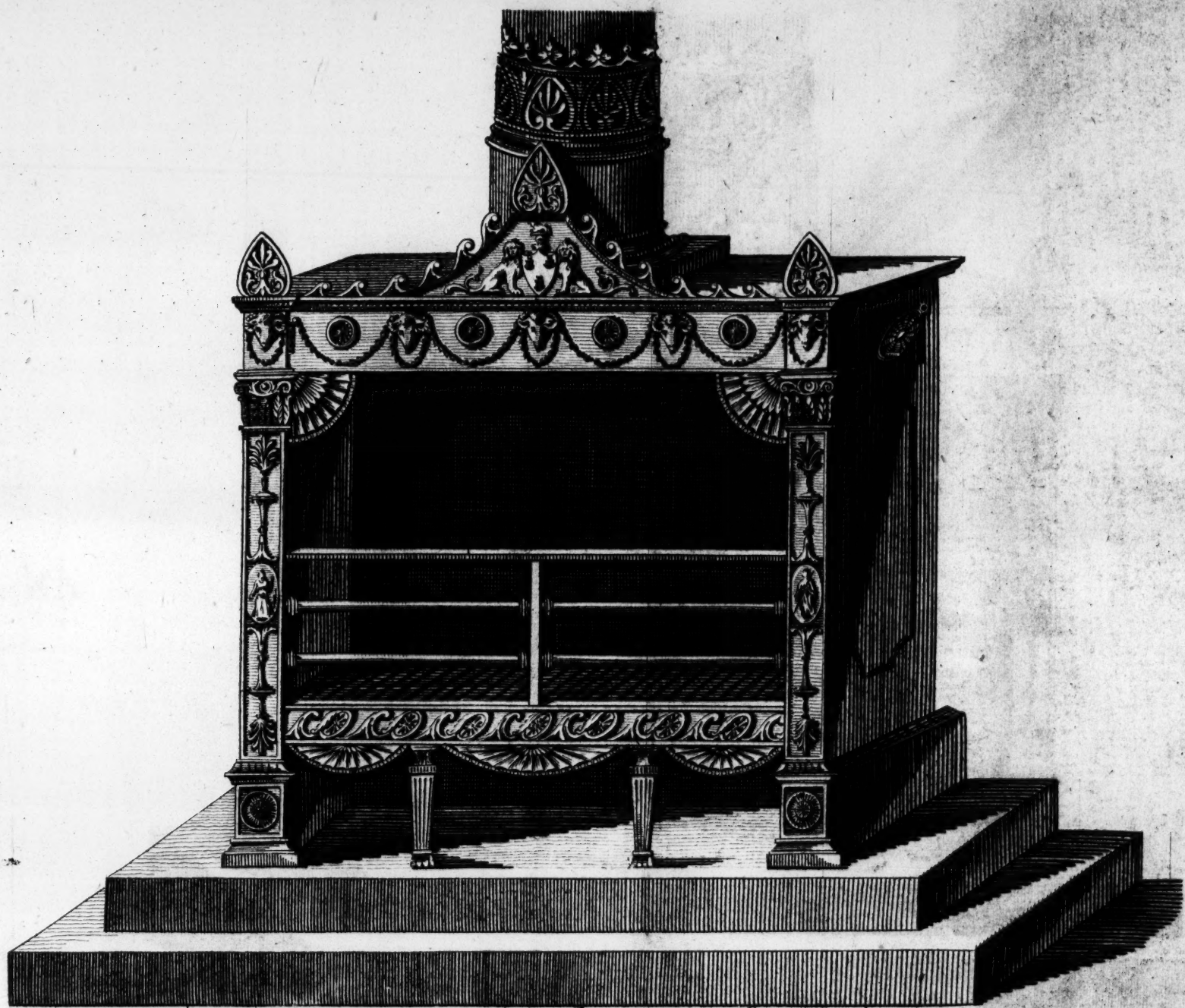
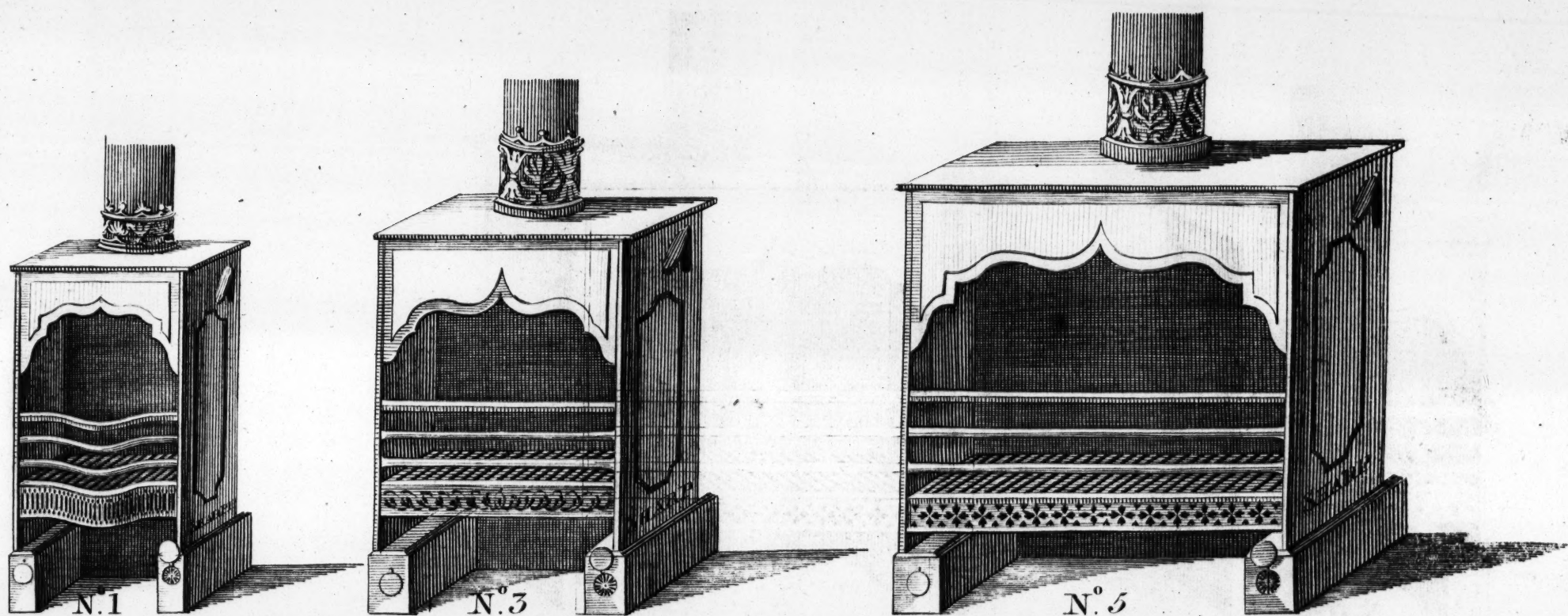


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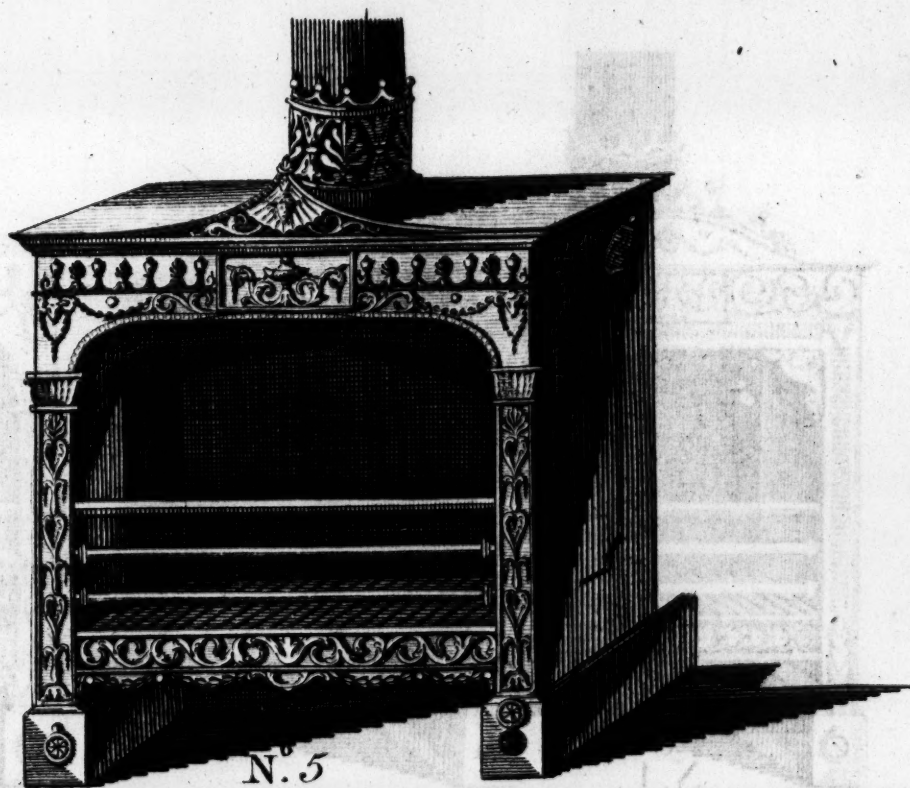
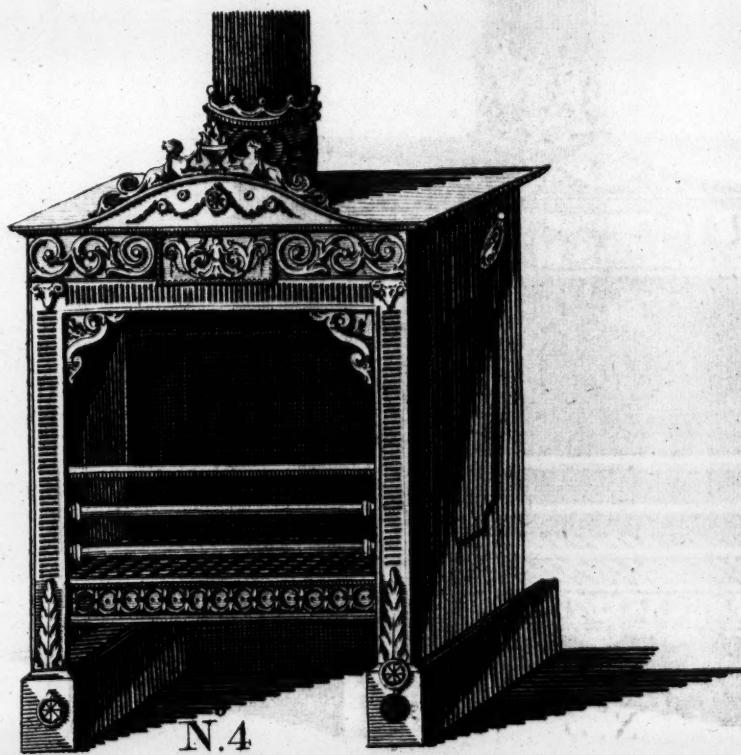
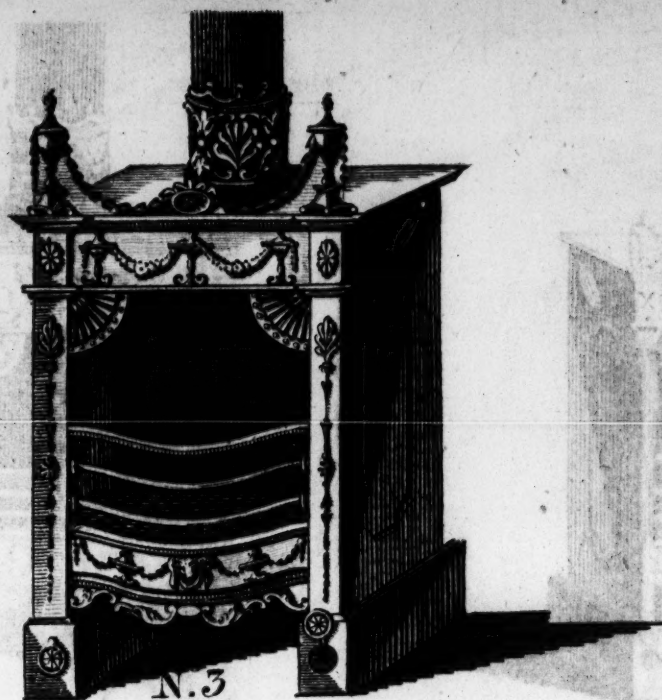
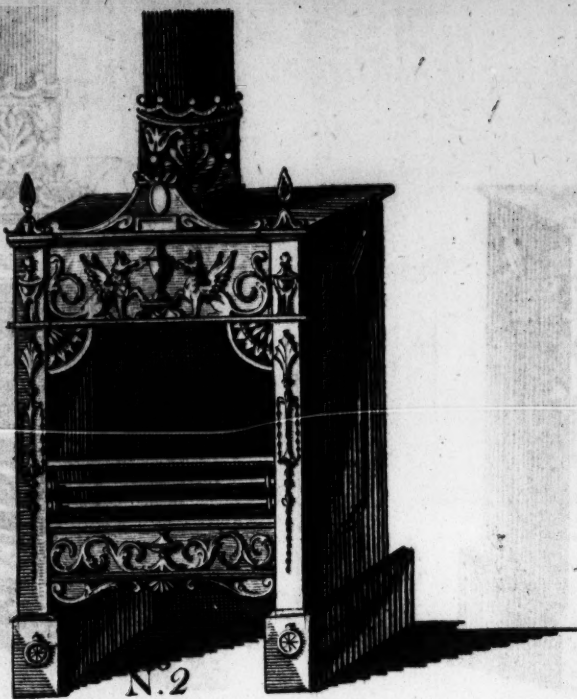
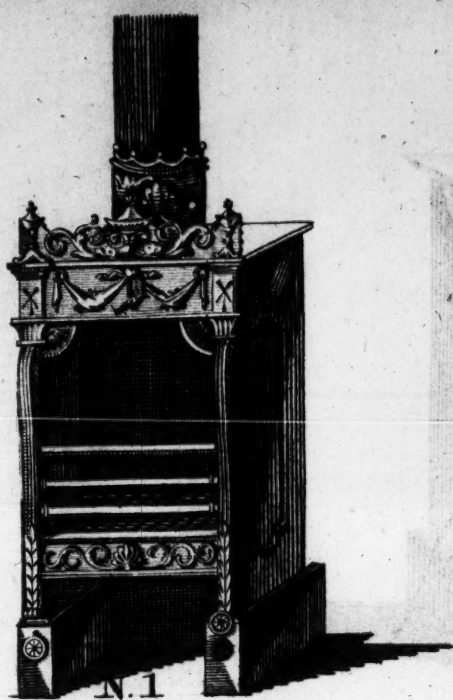


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An Account of the Principle and Effects of the *Pensilvanian* Stove-Grates (which warm Rooms, &c. by a continual Introduction and Exchange of dry fresh Air) commonly known by the Name of *American* Stoves; together with some late Improvements made to them by JAMES SHARP, for which his Majesty's Patent has been obtained.

THESE Stoves are called *American*, because the first Patterns in cast Iron upon this Principle, were the Invention of the celebrated and ingenious Dr. *Benjamin Franklin*, who then resided in *Philadelphia*. The Principle upon which they act, is described by the *Sieur Gauger*, in his Book intitled "*Mechanique de Feu*," published in 1709; and Dr. *Franklin* speaks of the Invention in his *Letters on Philosophical Subjects*, (Page 300) as follows: "in which" (says he) "there are hollow Cavities made by Iron Plates in the Back, Jambs and Hearths, thro' which Plates the Heat passing, warms the Air in those Cavities, which is continually coming into the Room FRESH and WARM. The Invention was very ingenious, and had many Conveniences: The Room was warm'd in all Parts by the Air flowing into it thro' the heated Cavities; cold Air was prevented rushing through the Crevices, the Funnel being sufficiently supplied by those Cavities; much less Fuel would serve, &c. But the first Expence, which was very great, the intricacy of the Design, and the Difficulty of the Execution, especially in old Chimnies, discouraged the Propagation of the Invention."

These Difficulties were in a great Measure removed by Dr. *Franklin's* Improvements: the Use of them became more common; and the Principle was adopted in various different Ways, where Chimnies could be found large enough to receive them; and where Communications could be con-

veniently made to procure a sufficient quantity of fresh Air for their supply. But still the Expence and Trouble of fixing them in Brickwork, and the great Delays and Difficulty of making Workmen understand the Manner of fixing them, remained, and has hitherto prevented their general Use.

But by the Additions now made to the Construction, these Difficulties are removed; and (where Communication can be had with the external Air) they are easily applied to any Rooms whatever; either those which have, or those which have not Chimnies; so that not only small Rooms, but the largest Halls, Libraries, or Churches, may be warm'd in a more effectual Manner, than has ever before been done; the greatest Quantity of Heat being produced from any given Quantity of Fuel, that can be supposed; for these Stoves are effectual on every Principle by which Rooms can be warmed.

First, it shews an handsome Fire ("which is in itself a pleasant Thing") by which the Rays of Heat are thrown out, and the full Effect of open Fires obtained, in Proportion to the Size of the Stove.

2dly, It may be detached from the Wall or Chimney, and the Air may have free Liberty to pass round it, whereby every Advantage of the *Holland* or *German* Stove, is produced.

3dly, The Funnel or Chimney, is contracted so that no superfluous Air is carried off, little Fuel serves, the Heat being almost all saved; and

4thly, The Room is supplied by this Stove with external or fresh Air, rarified as it enters, to a Summer Warmth, and this in so great a Quantity, that instead of cold Air rushing in at every Crevice, it will actually force itself out at Key-Holes and Chinks, whereby it is evident, a greater Exchange and better Supply of fresh Air is procured, than can be obtained by any other Method of warming yet discovered. And

5thly, If the Room is at any Time found too warm, there are proper Shutters to prevent the entrance of the warm rarified Air, and others which may be opened to lett in the cold Air, by such commodious Channels, that the too great Warmth may be gradually exchanged, and cooled, without being liable, like the opening of Doors or Windows, to give cold to those who sit in the Room.

Thus the *American Stove* will enable the Ufer to render a Room either *Warm, Temperate or Cool*, at his Pleasure, by the easy and commodious means of introducing a free Current of either warm or cold Air, as it may alternately be wanted through those different Channels: Or if the Effect of a common Grate should at any time be thought more desirable, the stopping of these Channels will produce that Effect, as the *American Stoves* shew the Fire contained in them to as much Ad-

vantage, in Proportion to their respective Sizes, as any other common Grates.

The Advantages of this Fire Place.

" Its Advantages above the common Fire Places are,

" 1. That your whole Room is equally warmed, so that People need not croud so close round the Fire, but may sit near the Window, and have the Benefit of the Light for Reading, Writing, Needle-work, &c. They may sit with Comfort in any Part of the Room, which is a very considerable Advantage, in a large Family; or (it may be added) in Boarding-Schools, where all cannot conveniently be permitted to come near the Fire, whereby the woful Effects of Chilblains upon the poor Children too often prove the Consequence.

" 2. If you sit near the Fire, you have not that cold Draught of uncomfortable Air nipping your Back and Heels, as when before common Fires, by which many catch Cold, being scorched before, and, as it were, froze behind.

" 3. If you sit against a Crevice, there is not that sharp Draught of cold Air playing on you, as in Rooms where there are Fires in the common way, by which many catch Cold; whence proceed Coughs, Catarrhs, Tooth-Achs, Fevers, Plurifies, and many other Diseases.

“ 4. In case of Sickness, they make most excellent Nursing-Rooms, as they constantly supply a sufficiency of fresh Air, so warmed at the same time, as to be no ways inconvenient or dangerous. The equal Temper too, and Warmth of the Air of the Room, is thought to be particularly advantageous in some Distempers; for it was observed in the Winters of 1730 and 1736, when the Small-Pox spread in *Pennsylvania*, that very few Children of the Germans died of that Distemper, in Proportion to those of the English; which was ascribed by some to the Warmth and equal Temper of the Air in their Stove Rooms; which made the Disease as favourable as it commonly is in the *West Indies*. But this Conjecture we submit to the Judgment of Physicians.

“ 5. In common Chimneys, the strongest Heat from the Fire, which is upwards, goes directly up the Chimney, and is lost; and there is such a strong Draught into the Chimney, that not only the upright Heat, but also the Back, Sides, and downward Heats are carried up the Chimney, by that Draught of Air, and the Warmth given before the Fire by the Rays that strike out towards the Room, is continually driven back, crowded into the Chimney, and carried up by the same Draught of Air; but here the upright Heat strikes and heats the Top Plate, which warms the Air above it, and that comes into the Room. The Heat likewise, which the Fire communicates to the Sides, Back, Bottom and

“ Air Box, is all brought into the Room; for you will find a constant Current of warm Air coming out of the Chimney-Corner into the Room. Hold a Candle just under the Mantle-Piece, or Breast of your Chimney, and you will see the Flame bent outwards. By laying a Piece of smoking Paper on the Hearth, on either Side, you may see how the Current of Air moves, and where it tends, for it will turn and carry the Smoke with it.

“ 6. Thus as very little of the Heat is lost, when this Fire-Place is used much less Wood or Fuel will serve you, which is a considerable Advantage where Wood is dear.

“ People who have used these Fire-Places, differ much in their Accounts of the Wood saved by them, some say five-sixths, others three-fourths, and others much less. This is owing to the great Difference there was in their former Fires; some (according to the different Circumstances of their Rooms and Chimnies) having been used to make very large, others middling, and others of a more sparing Temper, very small ones; while in these Fire-Places (their Size and Draught being nearly the same) the Consumption is more equal; I suppose, taking a Number of Families together, that two-thirds, or half the Wood at least, is saved. My common Room I know, is made twice as warm as it used to be, with a Quarter the Wood I formerly consumed there.”

If what Dr. *Franklin* mentions here be true, the Saving is great indeed, and that the Fact is so, I have no kind of Doubt; for I have used *American* Stoves in several Rooms in my House, for many Years with great Advantage; my Dining Room in particular, which has a large old fashioned Chimney, was formerly so cold as to be disused by my Predecessors in cold Weather; for the largest Fires that could be made did not warm it: but since the same Room has had an *American* Stove (which is near Twenty Years) it has been as comfortable with respect to warmth as any Room can be made; and with respect to the saving of Fuel, it is impossible for me to say exactly, how great the saving has been; but I can with great Truth assert, it has been many Times more than the original Cost of the Stove.

“ 7. When you burn Candles near this Fire-Place, you will find that the Flame burns quite upright, and does not blare and run the Tallow down, by drawing towards the Chimney, as against common Fires.

“ 8. This Fire-Place cures most Smoaky Chimnies, and thereby preserves both the Eyes and Furniture.

“ 9. It prevents the fouling of Chimnies; much of the Lint and Dust that contributes to foul a Chimney, being by the low Arch, obliged to pass through the Flame, where it is consumed, then less Fuel being burnt, there is less Smoak made. Again, by hanging on the Blower a

“ Flame is soon produced, and in consequence the same Fuel does not yield so much Smoke, as if burnt in a common Chimney, for as soon as Flame begins, Smoke in Proportion ceases.

“ 10. And if a Chimney should be foul, it is much less likely to take Fire; if it should take Fire, it is easily stifled and extinguished.

“ 11. A Fire may be very speedily made in this Fire-Place by the Help of the above-mentioned Blower. With all these Conveniences you do not lose the pleasing Sight nor Use of the Fire.”

O B J E C T I O N S answered.

“ There are some Objections commonly made by People that are unacquainted with these Fire Places, which it may not be amiss to endeavour to remove, as they arise from Prejudices, which might otherwise obstruct, in some Degree, the general Use of this beneficial Machine.

“ We frequently hear it said, *They are of the Nature of Dutch Stoves; Stoves have an unpleasant Smell; Stoves are unwholesome; and warm Rooms make People tender, and apt to catch Cold.*”

As to the first, that *they are of the Nature of Dutch Stoves*, the Description of these American Stoves already given in the Beginning of this Paper “ shews that there is a most material Difference, and that these have vastly the Advan-

“ tage, if it were only in the single Article of the
 “ Admission and Circulation of the fresh Air;”
 for the Dutch Stoves only warm the Air in the
 Room; but these, by the Heat of the Fire in the
 Room, attract so great a quantity of external fresh
 Air through the warming Tube or Air Box at the
 Back of each Stove, that the Air of the Room
 is continually changing, as the Current of warm
 fresh Wind is constantly rushing into the Room
 through the said Air Box, which must occasion a
 most wholesome Circulation, to carry off by it
 all internal Air that would otherwise for want of
 change, be rendered unfit for Respiration.

“ But it must be allowed there may have been
 “ some cause to complain of the *offensive Smell*
 “ of Iron Stoves; this Smell, however, never
 “ proceeded from the Iron itself, which, in its
 “ Nature, whether hot or cold, is one of the
 “ *sweetest of Metals*, but from the general un-
 “ cleanly Manner of using those Stoves. If they
 “ are kept clean, they are as sweet as an Ironing
 “ Box, which, though ever so hot, never offends
 “ the Smell of the nicest Lady: But it is com-
 “ mon to let them be greased, by setting Candle-
 “ sticks on them, or otherwise, to rub greasy
 “ Hands on them; and, above all, to spit upon
 “ them, to try how hot they are; which is an
 “ inconsiderate, filthy, unmannerly Custom; for
 “ the slimy Matter of Spittle drying on, burns
 “ and fumes when the Stove is hot, as well as the
 “ Grease, and smells most nauseously; which
 “ makes such close Stove Rooms, where there is
 “ no Draught to carry off those filthy Vapours,

“ almost intolerable to those that are not from
 “ their Infancy accustomed to them; at the same
 “ Time, nothing is more easy than to keep them
 “ clean;” for when by any Accident they happen
 to be fouled, nothing more is necessary, to scour
 them perfectly, than a common hard Brush, well
 applied.

“ That hot Iron of itself gives no offensive
 “ Smell, those know very well who have been
 “ present at a Furnace when the Workmen were
 “ pouring out the flowing Metal to cast large
 “ Plates, and not the least Smell of it to be perceived.
 “ That hot Iron doth not, like Lead, Brass and
 “ some other Metals, give out unwholesome Va-
 “ pours, is plain from the general Health and
 “ Strength of those who constantly work in Iron;
 “ as Furnace-men, Forge-men, and Smiths.

“ That it is in its Nature a Metal perfectly
 “ wholesome to the Body of Man, is known from
 “ the beneficial Use of Chalybeate, or Iron Mine
 “ Waters; from the good done by taking Steel
 “ Filings in several Disorders; and that even the
 “ Smithy Water in which hot Irons are quenched,
 “ is found advantageous to the Human Constitu-
 “ tion. The ingenious and learned Dr. *Desaguliers*,
 “ to whose instructive Writings the Contriver of
 “ this Machine acknowledges himself much in-
 “ debted, relates an Experiment he made, to try
 “ whether heated Iron would yield unwholesome
 “ Vapours: He took a Cube of Iron, and having
 “ given it a very great Heat, he fixed it so to a
 “ Receiver, exhausted by the Air Pump, that all

“ the Air rushing in to fill the Receiver, should
 “ first pass through a Hole in the hot Iron. He
 “ then put a small Bird into the Receiver, who
 “ breathed that Air without any Inconvenience,
 “ or suffering the least Disorder. But the same
 “ Experiment being made with a Cube of hot
 “ Brass, a Bird put into that Air died in a few
 “ Minutes. Brass, indeed, stinks even when cold,
 “ and much more when hot: Lead too, when
 “ hot, yields a very unwholesome Steam; but
 “ Iron is always sweet, and every way taken is
 “ wholesome and friendly to the Human Body,
 “ except in Weapons.

“ *That warm Rooms make People tender and apt*
 “ *to catch Cold,* is a Mistake as great as it is
 “ (among the English) general. We have seen
 “ in the preceding Pages how the common
 “ Rooms are apt to give Cold; but the Writer
 “ of this Paper must affirm from his own Expe-
 “ rience, and that of his Family and Friends who
 “ have used warm Rooms for these four Winters
 “ past, that by the Use of such Rooms People
 “ are rendered less liable to take Cold, and,
 “ indeed actually hardened. If sitting warm in a
 “ Room made one subject to take Cold on going
 “ out, lying warm in Bed should, by a parity of
 “ Reason, produce the same Effect when we rise;
 “ yet we find we can leap out of the warmest Bed
 “ naked, in the coldest Morning, without any
 “ such Danger, and in the same Manner out of
 “ warm Cloaths into a cold Bed. The Reason
 “ is, that in these Cases the Pores all close at
 “ once, the Cold is shut out, and the Heat within

“ augmented, as we soon after feel by the glow-
 “ ing of the Flesh and Skin. Thus no one was
 “ ever known to catch Cold by the Use of a Cold
 “ Bath; and are not Cold Baths allowed to harden
 “ the Bodies of those that use them? Are they
 “ not therefore frequently prescribed to the ten-
 “ derest Constitutions? Now every Time you go
 “ out of a warm Room into the freezing cold Air,
 “ you as it were, plunge into a Cold Bath, and
 “ the Effect is in Proportion the same; for tho’
 “ perhaps you may feel somewhat chilly at first,
 “ you find in a little Time your Bodies hardened
 “ and strengthened; your Blood is driven round
 “ with a brisker Circulation, and a comfortable,
 “ steady, uniform inward Warmth, succeeds that
 “ equal outward Warmth you first received in the
 “ Room. Farther to confirm this Assertion, we
 “ Instance the Swedes, the Danes, and the Rus-
 “ sians: These Nations are said to live in Rooms,
 “ compared to ours, as hot as Ovens; yet where
 “ are the hardy Soldiers, though bred in their
 “ boasted cool Houses, that can, like these Peo-
 “ ple, bear the Fatigues of a Winter Campaign
 “ in so severe a Climate; march whole Days up
 “ to the Neck in Snow, and at Night entrench
 “ in Ice as they do?

“ The mentioning of those Northern Nations,
 “ puts me in Mind of a considerable Publick
 “ Advantage that may arise from the general Use
 “ of these Fire-Places. It is observable, that
 “ though these Countries have been well inha-
 “ bited for many Ages, Wood is still their Fuel,
 “ and yet at no very great Price; which could

“ not have been if they had not universally used
 “ Stoves, but consumed it as we do, in great
 “ Quantities by open Fires. By the Help of
 “ this saving Invention our Wood may grow as
 “ fast as we consume it, and our Posterity may
 “ warm themselves at a moderate Rate, without
 “ being obliged to fetch their Fuel over the
 “ *Atlantick*; as, if Pit-Coal should not be here
 “ discovered (which is an uncertainty) they must
 “ necessarily do.*

* This Tract was printed in *Philadelphia* by Dr. *Franklin*, in 1745.

“ We leave it to the political Arithmetician to
 “ compute how much Money will be saved to a
 “ Country by its spending two-thirds less of Fuel;
 “ how much Labour saved in cutting and carriage
 “ of it; how much more Land may be cleared
 “ by Cultivation; how great the Profit by the
 “ additional Quantity of Work done, in those
 “ Trades particularly that do not exercise the
 “ Body so much, but that the Workfolks are
 “ obliged to run frequently to the Fire to warm
 “ themselves: And to Physicians to say, how
 “ much healthier thick built Towns and Cities
 “ will be, now half suffocated with sulphury
 “ Smoke, when so much less of that Smoke shall
 “ be made, and the Air breathed by the Inha-
 “ bitants be consequently so much purer.”

Now as Flame is nothing more than burning
 Smoke, and as by less Fuel being burnt in the
 Stoves less Smoke is made; and as a very great

Proportion of the Smoke that is made will be
 consumed in Flame; this last Observation of
 Dr. *Franklin's* must certainly be a very strong
 Argument for their general Use in this great Me-
 tropolis.

After the foregoing Objections fairly stated, and
 so ably refuted by Dr. *Franklin*, I think myself
 bound in Justice to mention such Objections as
 occurred or have been mentioned to me, and have
 not been noticed by him; and these are, That they
 are apt to occasion Dust, and that sometimes
 Rooms are made too hot; both which I have
 sometimes found true: But to the first of these Ob-
 jections, I answer, it existed only when the Throat
 of the Chimney has been clogged with Soot,
 to which they cannot now be liable, because the
 Funnel may easily be clean'd every Day, if neces-
 sary. To the latter, I answer, *make less Fire*, or
 open the Channel which admits cold Air, either of
 which is an effectual Remedy.

With all the Advantages above-mentioned, it is
 almost surprizing that the American Stove should
 not have been more commonly used; and nothing
 can account for it, but the difficulty hitherto of
 having them properly fixed in Brick Work; which
 Difficulty the Alterations now made do effectually
 obviate, for they may now be easily placed in any
 Chimney whatever, nay (in many Situations)
 better without any other Chimney than its own
 Iron Funnel.

Two of these Stoves, of a large Size, are placed in St. *John's* Church, *Southwark*, the Funnels of which are carried strait up through the Galleries and Roof. They are placed opposite to each other, about the Middle of the Church, and the Effect is as compleat as could possibly be desired for the Purpose. A Testimony of this I received in a Letter from a very respectable Inhabitant, as follows;

“ I have the Pleasure to inform you the Stoves
“ warm'd the Church extreamly well, notwithstanding the many Air-Holes; and, perhaps,
“ you will be surpriz'd to hear several of the
“ Parishioners have expressed their Fears of catching Cold when they go out of the Church, &c.”

“ To Mr, James Sharp, Leadenhall-street,”
“ January 26, 1781.”

St. *John's* Church is a very elegant and large Building of Stone, and consequently appears damp, after severe Weather, as the coldness of the Stone is apt to condence the Air into Water, which wets and trickles down the Walls. This same Effect is remarkable also in St. *Paul's* Cathedral, where, after cold Weather, the Water does frequently fall in large Drops, like Rain, round the Circle of the Dome; this always happens, more or less, in Proportion as the external Air is warmer than the Stone, and the Air in the Inside of the Church, and in Proportion to the Quantity of the warmer Air admitted by opening the Doors, &c. this has been proved by opening the larger Doors, as a supposed

Remedy for the Damp, but which only increases the Evil; whereby it is apparent that this Moisture, or seeming Dampness, arises from the warmer Air being condensed by the coldness of the Stone, which must be more or less, in every other Stone Building, upon sudden Changes of Weather.

In St. *John's* Church (where these Stoves are now placed) it has been usual to employ Women every *Sunday* Morning with Cloths to wipe and dry the Pillars and Walls before the Congregation assemble; but it is now observed, that after the Stove Fires have been made a few Hours, no such Damp can be found.

After so much has been quoted from the learned Dr. *Franklin* in Favour of these Fire-Places, I may perhaps be charged with Presumption for saying more about them; but as his Commendations apply intirely to the Sort he then used, I hope I may be excused if I add a few Words more upon the present Improvements.

By the Funnels, which I have added to the Top, the Stoves are rendered applicable to any Chimney, or (by Length of Funnel) to any Place without a Chimney.

By the hollow Base, I apply them with much greater Effect to the external Air, and without any Addition of Brick Work. And,

By the Alterations in the Air-Box a much greater Quantity of warm Air is introduced, than

could possibly be in their former State. Of this I have made a fair Experiment in St. *John's* Church; for the Air Box of the Stove, on the North-Side, is exactly agreeable to Dr. *Franklin's* Pattern; but the Air-Box of the Stove on the South-Side is so altered as to produce an amazing difference of Effect, for the Air-Holes of the latter will act more forcibly at a Foot distance than the former at Two Inches; and, I believe, I may, with Truth, say that this Church is the

first Stone Building of its Kind and Size, that has ever been made comfortably warm by Fires.

JAMES SHARP,

Leadenhall-Street, Feb.

Many different Sizes and Patterns of these Stoves may be seen at Mr. *Sharp's* Manufactory, No, 133, *Tooley-street, Southwark*; or at his House, *Leadenhall-street, London*.

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Drill Plough by Duckett, for Broad-cast Sowing.

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Horse Shovels for removing Earth to short Distances, and for levelling uneven Ground. These are a remarkable expeditious Machine; they load themselves, carry the Load, and deliver it where wanted; and the Horses proceed forwards, and back again for a new Load, without ever stopping either to load or unload.

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Casting, Ditching, Navigation and Garden Spades.

Ballast Spoons, Nets and Drag Scoops.

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Weighing Engines, portable, for weighing great Weights, Horses, Cattle, Waggon, &c.

Horse Rakes for various Purposes.

Winnowing Machines.

Steel and Quern-stone Mills of many Kinds.

Bolting Mills of various Sorts

Iron Chests, Bookcases, and Iron Safes of every Sort.

Stoves for the Introduction of warm'd Air (not only of the Kind already described as *American Stoves*) but also upon the Principle of an inverted Syphon, such as are erected in the Foundling Hospital, Bank, &c.

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Forcing Pumps.

Square ditto and Boxes, made from Plank.

Shanks and Bits for Pump Boring.

Iron Railing, Ship Work, &c.

Together with several other useful Things in rough Mechanism.

Most of the Articles above mentioned are fully described in my Book of Prints and Descriptions already published.

N. B. Horses are constantly ready at the Manufactory, to shew the Effects of the several Rakes, Ploughs, Shovels, &c. or to draw the different Sorts of Carts, Waggon, or Rollers, whereby Judgment may be formed of the Utility of each Machine. The lowest Price is fixed upon each Article, and Payment will be expected on Delivery of the Goods.

Directions for fixing the American Stove.

IF a Stove of this Kind is to be placed in a common Fire Place, a Hole must be made through the Back of the Chimney, or through the Hearth, to communicate with the external fresh Air; and this Hole should be made as large as Circumstances will admit, always observing to make the Hole descending, if possible, so that the outward Air may ascend towards the Stove.

The Hollow Base of the Stove must be placed against this Hole, so as to cover it compleatly, and the Joints well pointed with Lime or Puttey, so close that the Air may not pass through it.

Then a few Feet of Iron Funnel must be put upon the Stove, to reach above the Breast of the Chimney; and the Chimney inclosed by Iron Plates, or in any other Maner; but so that it be easily removed when the Chimney wants sweeping.

When this is done, the warm Air introduced by the Stove will be carried into the Room, which otherwise (where it is not inclosed) would pass up the Chimney and be lost.

But if the Stove is to be fixed in a Room where there is no Chimney, it may be placed in

any Part of it, where Communication may be had with the outward Air; and nothing more is necessary than a sufficient Length of Funnel to carry it through the Roof, or Wall, or Window, or into any other Chimney that may be convenient.

Reference to the P L A T E S.

The Stove in the first Plate is the Pattern now placed in *Draper's-Hall*, and *St. John's Church Southwark*; the Pattern is very elegant (as appears by the Print) and fit for any Church, Hall, Library or Public Building, and the Carving may be vary'd at Pleasure.

The Stoves in the second Plate are the First, Third and Fifth Size, of the Patterns I have already made.

The Holes and the Shutters, as they appear in the Print at the Side of the Stoves, are the Channel for the Introduction of warm Air. And,

The Holes, or Ventilators, near the Bottom, at the Front of the Base, are the Funnels for Introduction of cold Air, if the Room is too hot; when these are opened, the Channel for hot Air must be shut, and *vice versa*.

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